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Dear Frances:-

Jeme was glad to get that nice letter from you, and I can assure you, I was quite happy at the thought that you had forgiven my negligence, & you may rest assured that I will never give you cause to be angry, if I can possibly help it, at least as to answering your letters. Your letter was enjoyed to the utmost in that it was nice & long. I don't know why it is, but before I write a letter, I have so much to write about, and when I begin writing, I just simply forget what I have to say, and that's probably the reason that my letters might seem short. Anyhow, I'll try my best to write a long letter, upon condition, that whenever you write to me, it should be in the same manner & length that the one I just received was in.

I was very glad to hear that Rae is going out with you, in particular, as I wish you would take care of her, especially when she is with you. Do you know, I don't believe that there is another fellow on the face of this globe that has as good a

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girlie for a sister, as I have. Sure, I'm just finding out who she is & what's her true worth, and to such an extent, that even my room-mate, is just wild to hear from her. Of course, it is understood that there are ~~many~~ many little girlies who would do the same under the conditions that darling Rose is in, but I still stick to my statement I just made. In my lonesomeness, I often wrote to her & I always received such counsel, that I would be put on my feet again. I often compare you both to some of the society women here in this town and I can tell you, I wouldn't trade one of you for any of them if they gave me a million dollars besides. Really don't know what's come over me. I simply can't stand them here. I hate to talk to them or walk with them & don't care if I never meet them again. I suppose you are astonished at my demeanor towards the "female of the species" of this town, but that's the way I feel about it. Of course, I don't know what will turn up later, but it will have to be something extremely good, to change my opinions.

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#3) Irene was glad that you had a pleasant time with Rose & your class-mates, & I can tell you that it would have been my honor to escort you both. Perhaps, some day I'll be able to.

As for myself, I'm still plugging on. I feel that I'm getting on much better than the average young lawyer, but the expenses I have, especially that which I spend to keep from being lonesome, practically eats it all up, but I hope & trust that by the end of the year, I will have some sort of a nice little practice. The territory around here is just fine for my profession & it is only a question of time & experience before I will be recognized. I intend to follow Rose's & your advice about being patient, but don't you think it is but natural for me to feel impatient? Especially when you see men who are making money, however little it be, ~~was~~ on the reputations of their fathers, & they knew little enough of law. You might laugh or bridle a dainty little smile when I say it, but I don't intend to stay down. I've begun climbing the ladder, & intend to keep going until I

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am physically incapable, or become a lunatic. That's the way I feel about it.

The weather here has been the worst we have had in a number of years. This month we have had snow & rain, & very little of the "Sunny South", so you see you have nothing on us, but things are brightening up & I expect we will have warm weather in the near future. I am still going around with a heavy overcoat, & so you can readily see, how things are.

Well, I'm sorry that you have had so much trouble about that civil service position, but I do hope that young lawyer has fixed things up & that you will be accepted.

I have tried to write a long letter, & I suppose I thereby complied with your wish, by writing this letter, so I'll close now, with my best wishes & with the hope that I will receive a nice long, long letter ~~in~~ real soon,

Sincerely

Joe.